

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Terminal Disclaimer filed on 7/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-10 which are renumbered as 1-8 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 3-10 are allowable over the prior art.
2. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter based on the amendment filed on March 20, 2006.

As in claim 3, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the following features:

(a) an address memory connected to a buffer memory, the address memory being configured to store a write-data-address of the data written to the recording medium and a read-data-address of the data read from the buffer memory when the writing of data to the recording medium is interrupted, the write-data-address and the read-data-address each indicating a location of the data at which the interruption occurs;

(b) a synchronizing circuit for synchronizing written data medium with the encoded data;

(c) a first retry determination circuit for determining whether an address of the written data, which is read from the recording medium, and the write-data-address, which is stored in the address memories, are the same, and for determining whether an address of the read data, which is provided to the encoder from the buffer memory, and the read data address, which is stored in the address memory, are the same;

(d) a second retry determination circuit determining whether a first timing signal for reading the write data from the recording medium and a second timing signal for encoding the read data are the same, the first timing signal being derived from the recording medium; and

(e) a restart circuit restarting the writing of data to the recording medium based on the determinations of the first and second retry determination circuits .

As in claim 7, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the following features:

(a) an address memory connected to a buffer memory, the address memory being configured to store a write-data-address of the data written to the recording medium and a read-data-address of the data read from the buffer memory when the writing of data to the recording medium is interrupted, the write-data-address and the read-data-address each indicating a location of the data at which the interruption occurs;

(b) a synchronizing circuit for synchronizing written data medium with the encoded data, the synchronizing circuit determined whether a first timing signal for reading the write data from the recording medium and a second timing signal for encoding the read data are the same, the first timing signal being derived from the recording medium;

(c) a retry determination circuit for determining whether an address of the written data, which is read from the recording medium, and the write-data-address, which is stored in the address memories, are the same, and for determining whether an address of the read data, which is provided to the encoder from the buffer memory, and the read data address, which is stored in the address memory, are the same; and

(d) a restart circuit restarting the writing of data to the recording medium based on the determinations of the first and second retry determination circuits .

The features indicated above, in combination with the other elements of the claims, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Kim CHU whose telephone number is (571) 272-7585 between 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch, can be reached on (57) 272-7589.

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